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German Patent Nos. 43 32 512 and 196 05 522, and European Patent No. 0 449 798 are not in the English language, but these references were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language search report, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith. MPEP Section 609A(3), second paragraph. Also enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,407,829, which corresponds to the '798 European patent.

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Copy of British Search Report

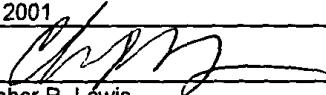
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